

As a consumer, I disagree with the concept of adding the requirement that all digital recording equipment must support broadcast-only flagging. As a consumer, I am currently allowed to use my VCR or other recording devices to time-shift the television I watch. If this proposal comes to fruition, this ability will be in jeopardy. The job of the FCC is not to cater to business. If you recall, the air waves were declared property of the public and the FCC was put in charge of managing the air waves in the public's interest. It is your job to watch out for the CONSUMER. I do not want to throw away all existing HDTV equipment just because "the industry" feels the need to have copy protection. We've done without it for over 40 years, and I see no need to implement it now. There will always be a select crowd of people who pirate television, movies, and music. They will not be stopped by this new 'broadcast-only' flag technology. Just as all the satellite providers learned, the ones who want to steal will continue to steal and evade any attempts to stop the stealing. The only thing this accomplishes is stripping away more rights from the consumer, who you should be representing.